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For: **METHODS OF PREPARING AND USING ELECTROSTATICALLY
TREATED FLUIDS**

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified divisional application, please amend the above-identified divisional application as follows:

In the Specification

Please insert as the first paragraph, the following statement:

This is a divisional application of pending U.S. Patent Application S/N 09/209,339 filed December 11, 1998 which is a continuation-in-part application of parent U.S. Patent Application S/N 08/979,641 filed June 19, 1997, now abandoned.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-9 without prejudice.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to withdraw any additional funds required from or credit any overpayments to deposit account 19-4547.

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